XII. <u>Physical Examination Design</u>

A. General Instructions

This phase of Project RANCH HAND II is a cross sectional study of the subject's health at the time of examination. The physical examination and all required laboratory procedures will be performed by physicians and technicians at a major civilian medical center under contract to the Air Force. It is important that examiners remain unaware of the subject's status as a RANCH HAND participant or as a control subject. The physician examiner is tasked to examine and objectively record his findings. The examining physician is not, and cannot be expected to arrive at any definitive diagnosis, as the full history and laboratory results will not be available to him. Medical history, laboratory results, and physical examination findings will be evaluated by an independent diagnostician employed by the contractor. This diagnostician will formulate diagnoses and differential diagnoses, if appropriate. In addition, he will present a detailed analysis and debriefing to the study subject, and provide a copy of the analysis to the subject's personal physician, if so requested.

If, during the examination, the physician discovers evidence of serious illness requiring immediate treatment, the normal emergency or urgent care procedures of the medical facility would apply. Such care will be arranged by the diagnostician and will be supplied by the contractor at Air Force expense. If during the examination, evidence of illness requiring nonemergency medical attention is found, the diagnostician should inform the subject and offer to have forwarded pertinent information to the subject's A clear record of any such advice and treatment should be physician. The ultimate value of the RANCH HAND II Study will lie in the recorded. collection of complete, accurate and, whenever possible, quantitiative data permitting the most stringent and powerful statistical analysis. reason, the physical examination protocol requires exact measurements in many instances, and the use of defined meanings of semiquantitative indicators in other places.

These examinations will define the health status of the subjects at a point in time, and will establish the presence or absence of abnormal physical findings. After statistical review of the study groups, these findings may permit definition of a chronic effect due to exposure. An inaccurate examination may lead to falacious study results in two ways: a presumed syndrome may be defined which does not in fact exist, or a syndrome which in fact exists may not be defined with enough validity to warrant further actions.

8. Conduct of the Examination

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SECTION	PHYSICAL EXAMINATION		
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CLINICAL RECORD NEUROLOGICAL EXAMINATION Asymmetry / Depression / Carotid Bruit \square No \square R \square L Neck Range of Motion \square Normal or Decreased to \square Left \square Right ☐ Forward ☐ Backward TRUNK MOTOR SYSTEM - Handedness Right / Left / Gait / Normal or / Broad Based / Ataxic / Small Stepped / Other-Specify Associated Movements Arm Swing Mormal or Abnormal R DL Muscle Status (strength, tone, volume, tenderness, fibrillations) Bulk / Normal ____Abnormal Tone Upper Extremities ___Normal or ___Increased ___Decreased Lower Extremities Normal or Increased Decreased ☐ Right ☐ Left Strength - Distal wrist extensors // Normal // Decreased Ankle/Toe Dors/Flexors // Normal // Decreased // R // L Proximal Deltoids Normal Decreased R L Hip Flexors Normal Decreased R L Abnormal Movements (tremors, tics, choreas, etc.) Fasiculations No Yes (1-4+) Tenderness No Yes (1-4+) Tremor No Yes - Specify Upper Extremity R R Resting Essential Intention Lower Extremity R L Other Coordination (a) Equilibratory - Eyes Open Eyes Closed - Romberg Positive (Abnormal) Negative (Normal) Left Foot Right Foot If indicated, check Normal Abnormal R R Rapidly alternative movements / Normal / Abnormal / R / L / Both Skilled Acts Handwriting. If indicated, ____Normal ____Abnormal () () Speech (articulation, aphasia, agnosia) Grossly Normal Aphasia 🗁

Reflexes (0-absent; 1-sluggish; 2-active; 3-very active; 4-transient clonus; 5-sustained clonus)

Deep R L Deep R L Other R L Abnormal R L Babinski

Biceps Patellar Achilles

MENINGEAL IRRITATION

Remarks

Straight Leg RaisingNormalAbnormalRBoth
NERVE STATUS (tenderness, tumors, etc.)
SENSORY SYSTEM (tactile, pain, vibration, position. If positive sensory signs are present, summarize below and indicate details on Anatomical Figure, Std. Form 531)
Light TouchNormalAbnormal Pin PrickNormalAbnormal (Map on Anatomical Figure)
Vibration (at ankle, 128 hz tuning fork):NormalAbnormalRLBoth
Position (Great toe):NormalAbnormalRLBoth
CRANIAL NERVES
I R SmellPresentAbsent
L Smell Present Absent
II Fundus R Normal
Fundus L Normal
Fields (to confrontation) Right
III NormalAbnormal - Specify .
Pupils-Size (mm) Equal Unequal Difference mm Shape, position Round Other R L Light, Reaction Normal Abnormal R L Position of Eyeballs
Movements R L
Nystagmus Rotary / Horizontal / Vertical / (Draw position)

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٧	Motor R Clench Jaw - Symmetric Deviated R R L
	Sensory R Normal Abnormal V1 V2 V3
	Corneal Reflex R
VII	Motor R Normal smileYesNo Palpebral FissureYesNo L Normal smileYesNo Palpebral FissureYesNo
ΤX	Palate and Uvula
X	Movement Normal Deviation to R L
	Palatal Reflex R Normal Abnormal
	LNormalAbnormal
	Tongue-Protruded-Central R L L Atrophy No Yes
MENT	AL STATUS (alert, clear, cooperative, etc.) Gross abnormalities: No
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DIAGNOSTIC SUMMARY SYNOPSIS OF POSITIVE FINDINGS

Medical History:

Physical Examination:

General

Dermatologic

Neurological

Psychological

Laboratory Results:

Diagnosis:

Differential Diagnosis, if applicable:

Date

Signature of Diagnostician

C. Special Procedures

(1) Nerve Conduction Velocities (NCV)

These studies have been determined to be an important parameter in long-term follow-up studies of persons thought to have been exposed to Herbicide Orange components. The Nerve Conduction Velocities should be performed by a physician or by a specialty qualified technician under the supervision of a physician trained in neurophysiological methods.

(a) Specific NCVs

- (1) Ulnar Nerve (one side only)
 - (a) motor (above elbow, below elbow)
 - (b) values recorded
 - (i) distal latency
 - (ii) NCV
- (2) Peroneal Nerve (one side only)
 - (\underline{a}) motor
 - (b) values recorded
 - (i) distal latency
 - (ii) NCV
- (3) Sural Nerve (one side only)
 - (a) sensory: orthodromic
 - (b) values recorded: NCV

(b) Methods

Standardized, published methods will be used (e.g., Smorto, Marcio P., and John V. Besmajian; Electrodiagnosis; Harper and Row; NY, 1977).

(2) <u>Psychological Test Battery</u>

(a) General

This battery yields objective numerical data, and is well-standardized and clinically validated. The individual tests were chosen to insure an adequate analysis of one of the major alleged manifestations of

Herbicide Orange toxicity. Each test either validates the other tests or is considered to be a "definitive" test for analysis of a suspected psycho-neuro-pathic effect under study. Compared to the general civilian population, characteristic response tendencies are observed on the MMPI and Cornell Index among active duty aircrewmen being evaluated in an aeromedical setting. It is also important to consider the effect that pending retirement has exerted on the reporting of medical history and symptomatology. This may also alter responses to psychological testing.

(b) <u>Specific Tests</u>

(1) Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS)

Individually-administered collection of verbal and nonverbal intellectual measures; also useful for clinical inferences when combined with the neuropsychological battery below.

(2) Reading subtest of the Wide Range Achievement Test (WAIT)

Individually-administered measure of word recognition ability. Important to rule-out reading inefficiency should the response to the personality instruments below be of questionable validity (e.g., high F scale on MMPI).

(3) <u>Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Test Battery</u>

Individually-administered collection of brain behavior relationship measures for establishing the functional integrity of the cerebral hemispheres. The battery must include the following subtests: Category, Tactual performance, Speech-Sounds, Seashore Rhythm, Finger Tapping, Trail Making, and Grip Strengths. The Aphasia Screening and Sensory-Perceptual Exams are considered optional in view of their redundancy with the clinical neurologic exam included in this project. Individualized test debriefing is conducted to clarify test performances in the WAIS and Neuropsychological Battery.

(4) Three subtests of the Wechsler Memory Scale I (WMS I)

Individually-administered measures of immediate and delayed recall of verbal and visual materials. The Logical Memory, Associate Learning and Visual Reproduction subtests are to be administered in the standard, immediate-recall fashion initially. After 30 minutes has elapsed, the examinee is asked, without prior alerting, to recall as much as he can about the Logical Memory and Visual Reproduction subtest stimuli. Standard scoring is used for both test-retest administrations.

(5) Cornell Index (CI)

Self-administered and standardized neuropsychiatric symptom and complaint inventory, including items involving asthenia, depression, anxiety, fatigue, and GI symptoms in lay language. Endorsement of items are to be explored and clarified in test-debriefing.

(6) Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI)

60 to 90 minute self administered clinical psychiatric screening instrument; also capable of estimating response biases (e.g., "fake good," or "fake bad"). The shortened version of Form R (i.e., items 1 to 399) may be substituted for the 566-item Long Form. Standard scoring and Minnesota norms are to be used, with the possible exception of active duty examinees where USAFSAM aircrew norms may be applied. Clarification of profiles showing response biases, questionable validity, and/or unusual item endorsements will be conducted in individual test debriefing.

(3) 12-Lead Electrocardiogram

(a) Procedures

A standard 12-lead scalar electrogram is required. If an arrhythmia is observed, a one minute rhythm strip will be obtained. The electrogram will be done following a minimum fast of four hours.

(b) Interpretation

The electrocardiograms will be interpreted by cardiologists at the examining center, and then forwarded to Brooks AFB where physicians in the USAF Central ECG Library will compare the tracing to previous individual ECG records in the case of rated (pilot or navigator) subjects.

(c) Disposition (USAF Central ECG Library)

(1) Pilots and Navigators

The original tracings will be microfisched and permanent record established for each individual.

(2) Enlisted Subjects

The original tracings will be microfisched and a permanent record established for each individual.

(4) Radiographic Examination

A standard 14x17 in., standing, roentgenogram in the PA position using small nipple markers will be accomplished.

(5) <u>Pulmonary Function Studies</u>

Standard evaluation of vital capacity and forced expiratory volume at 1 second will be performed.

(6) Laboratory Procedures

(a) Specific Tests to be Performed on all Participants

- (1) Hematocrit
- (2) Hemoglobin
- (3) RBC Indices
- (4) While Blood Cell Count and Differential
- (5) Platelet Count
- $(\underline{6})$ Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate
- (7) Urinalysis
- (8) Semen Analysis (Number, % Abnormal, Volume)
- (9) Blood Urea Nitrogen
- (10) Fasting Plasma Glucose
- (11) Creatinine
- (12) 2-hour Post Prandial Plasma Glucose
- (13) Differential Cortisol (0730 and 0930 hours)
- (14) Cholesterol & HDL
- (<u>15</u>) Triglycerides
- (16) SGOT
- (<u>17</u>) SGPT
- (<u>18</u>) GGTP
- (19) Bilirubin, Total and Direct
- (20) Alkaline Phosphatase
- (<u>21</u>) LDH

- (22) Serum Protein Electrophoresis
- (23) CPK
- (24) VDRL
- (25) LH
- (26) FSH
- (27) Testosterone
- (28) Thyroid Profile (RIA) (T3, T4, TSH, FTI)

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- (29) Delta-aminolevulinic Acid
- (30) Urine Porphyrins
- (31) Hepatitis B antigen/antibodies
- (32) Prothrombin time
- (33) Blood Alcohol

(b) To be performed on selected subjects

- (1) Anti-nuclear Antibody on subjects with indications of autoimmune disorders
- (2) Hepatitis A Antigens/antibodies for those with current or past history of liver disease
- (3) Karyotyping for those fathering children with birth defects
- $(\underline{4})$ Skin photography and skin biopsy on subjects with suspected chloracne
- (5) To be performed if medical history indicates a subject has an increase in infectious diseases:
 - (a) Immunoelectrophoresis
 - (b) Quantitative Immunoglobulin Determinations

- $(\underline{6})$ To be performed on a randomly selected group of subjects
 - (a) Enumeration of B and T cells
 - (b) Enumeration of Monocytes
 - (c) B and T cell function tests

(7) Rationale for laboratory procedures

- (a) Studies on the toxicity of TCDD in animals have shown that the following organ systems are damaged:
- $(\underline{1})$ Liver: Hepatic necrosis, liver enzyme changes, hypoproteinemia, hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia.
- (2) Reticuloendothelial System: Thymic atrophy, altered cellular immunity, decreased lymphocyte counts.
- (3) Hemopoietic System: Anemia, thrombocytopenia, leukopenia, pancytopenia.
- (4) Endocrine System: Hemorrhage and atrophy of adrenal cortex, hypothyroidism.
 - (5) Renal: Increase in blood urea nitrogen.
- $(\underline{6})$ In addition, statistically significant increases in hepatocellular carcinomas (liver) and squamocellular carcinomas of the lung were found.
- (b) Studies on the toxic effects of TCDD in man have shown that the following organ systems are damaged:
 - (1) Skin: Chloracne, hirsutism.
- (2) Liver: Porphyria cutanea tarda. Increased levels of transaminase and of $\overline{G}GTP$. Enlarged, tender liver, hyperlipidemia.
 - (3) Renal: Hemorrhagic cystitis, focal Pyelonephritis.
- $(\underline{4})$ Neuromuscular System: Asthenia, i.e., headache, apathy, fatigue, anorexia, weight loss, sleep disturbances, decreased learning ability, decreased memory, dyspepsia, sweating, muscle pain, joint pain and sexual dysfunction.
 - (5) Endocrine System: Hypothyroidism.

	(c) Based exposi recomm	ures,	
		(<u>1</u>)	Hemopoietic
		(<u>2</u>)	Reticuloendothelial
		(<u>3</u>)	Renal
		(<u>4</u>)	Endocrine
		(<u>5</u>)	Neuromuscular
	(<u>d</u>)	Hemor	poietic screening should include:
•		(<u>1</u>)	Hematocrit
		(<u>2</u>)	Hemoglobin
		<u>(3)</u>	RBC indices
		<u>(4)</u>	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
•		(<u>5</u>)	Platelet count
		(<u>6</u>)	Prothrombin time
	(<u>e</u>)	Reti	culoendothelial system:
		(<u>1</u>)	White blood cell count
	•	(<u>2</u>)	Differential
•	•	(<u>3</u>)	Serum protein electrophoresis
quantitative	immunoglob	(<u>4</u>) ulin	Selective use of immunoelectrophoresis and determination
		(<u>5</u>)	B cell and T cell counts and functions
	(<u>f</u>)	Нера	atic screen:
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		(<u>2</u>)	SGPT
		(<u>3</u>)	GGTP

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	(<u>5</u>)	Alkaline phosphatase
	(<u>6</u>)	LDH .
	<u>(7)</u> ·	Cholesterol
	<u>(8)</u>	HDL
	(<u>9</u>)	Triglyceride
	<u>(10</u>)	Urine prophyrins
	(<u>11</u>)	Urine porphobilinogen
	<u>(12</u>)	Hepatitis B antigens/antibodies
(g)	Rena	1 screen:
	(<u>1</u>)	Urinalysis
	(<u>2</u>)	BUN
	<u>(3</u>)	Creatinine
(h)	Endo	crine screen:
	(<u>1</u>)	Differential cortisol (0730 and 0930 hours)
	(<u>2</u>)	Thyroid profile (RIA)
	(<u>3</u>)	Fasting plasma glucose
(i)	Neur	omuscular system:
	(<u>1</u>)	СРК
(j)	Eluc	idation of sympoms of asthenia:
	(<u>1</u>)	Testosterone
	<u>(2)</u>	LH
	<u>(3)</u>	FSH

- (k) The following tests should be performed only as follow-up for abnormalities in the history or physical examination findings:
 - (1) HAVAB (IgG and IgM)
 - (<u>2</u>) ANA